



**Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
October 16, 2018**

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on October 16, 2018 at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order and roll was called, the following members being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins.

Also present were administrator Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Present as guests of the Commission were Rhonda Boyette, Paul Lohr, Matt Mixon, Henry Shuler, Melanie Dunbar Jurgensen, and Michael Jurgensen.

Mr. Lohr addressed the Commission about the proposed location for docking of the Cane River Queen at the downtown riverbank. After discussion, the commission recommended for safety to have the pillion 3' above the retaining wall and place reflectors and/or lights on the outer pillions.

Mr. Shuler updated the Commission on the dredging project. The project will be much more likely to be successful if private property located adjacent to the lake can be utilized. Mr. & Mrs. Jurgensen, who are co-owners of a sizable tract adjacent to the lake, showed interest and consented to the process moving forward to a viability study. Mr. Shuler estimates that he will have findings to present in approximately 6 months to one year. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the

Commission authorized a Professional Service Agreement between the Cane River Waterway Commission and Shuler Consulting to undertake a feasibility study at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00; and further authorizing Chairman Rhodes to execute the agreement on behalf of the Commission.

The Commission discussed the St. Augustine Church, Shell Beach Expansion, Old Condemned Shell Beach Bridge, Spillway landing/recreation area, storage area, and after discussion the Commission tabled these items until the November 13, 2018 meeting.

The minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting of the commission were presented. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. She presented invoices from Corkern, Crews, Guillet and Johnson in the amount of \$2,494.75, Cunningham Ins. in the amount of \$2,024.39, Galaxy Graphics in the amount of \$52.06, Kaffie Frederick in the amount of \$399.05, Robertson in the amount of \$280.00, Impressions in the amount of \$237.00, and presented the budget to actual comparison for Commission review. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from September 17 – October 15, 2018 for the review of the Commission. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, the Commission approved the logs for the period from September 17 – October 15, 2018.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator report. The current lake level is 97.1 MSL. She issued four building permits, there were two fireworks displays on September 20 and on October 13, issued three fishing tournament authorizations, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, and prepared all documentation, reports, and request that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries submitted no report. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. There were no injuries or fatalities to report. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the September 17 – October 15, 2018 expenditure report contained therein.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Level II training and Certification program was scheduled in Lafayette noting it would be the only one program offered this fall. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to attend the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Level II training and Certification program in Lafayette, further authorizing any associated expenses therewith.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the state has updated sexual harassment regulation under R.S. 42:341. She updated the Commission and advised that the Commission's manuals would need to be updated. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller update manuals and complete all requirements of R.S. 42:341 Sex Harassment.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the lake would soon reach a level where the Washington Street landing would reopen. The City of Natchitoches proposed reconstruction of the landing has been delayed and is

expected to start as soon as possible. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to open the landing once the lake reached the appropriate level and re-closing the landing for construction once the City starts construction.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: November 13, 2018